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Cloze Activity

Fill in the blanks below using the word bank.

Word Bank:

records	medals	high school
Olympic	athletes	long
dash	1980	nickname
Alabama	War	humiliated
Olympic	Germany	track

Jesse Owens (Sept. 12, 1913 - Mar. 31, _____)
was one of the world's greatest _____
and field _____, and an
_____ gold medal winner.

Jesse Owens was born in _____, the
son of a sharecropper. His name was originally James
Cleveland Owens. At the age of 9, his family moved to
Cleveland, Ohio, where he was given the
_____ Jesse. Jesse was an excellent
track athlete in junior high and
_____, setting world records for his
age group.

As an Ohio State University student, Owens set new world
_____ in the 220 yard
_____, the 200 yard hurdles, and the
_____ jump (and equaled the record
in the 100 yard) at the National Collegiate Track and Field
Meet (on May 25, 1935).

The next year, at the 1936 Berlin
_____ games, Jesse Owens won 4
gold _____ (in the 100 meter, 200
meter, 400 meter relay and the long jump) , set two

Olympic records, and tied another. This

_____ Hitler (who was the leader
of _____ at the time, and the person
who began World _____ 2, killing millions
of people). Owens' victories were an affront to Hitler's
racial theories - Hitler had assumed that the "Aryans" (the
Germanic race) would easily win.